

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL (GAC)  
ON SERVICES FOR AGING AND ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

May 3, 2016  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
**Smyrna Rest Area Conference Room**  
Smyrna, Delaware

PRESENT: Bob Brown; Carolyn Fredricks; Evelyn Hayes; Arlene Littleton; Katie Macklin; Mary Miller; LaVaida Owens-White; William Payne; Lelia Perkins; Debra Veenema; James Young

EXCUSED: Bonnie Hitch; Suzanne Howell

UNEXCUSED: Jalpurnia Trader; Barbara Willis

VACANT SEATS: (1) Consumer Disabled – Wilmington; (2) Consumer Disabled – Kent; (3) Consumer Disabled – Sussex; (4) Consumer Disabled – At-Large; (5) Consumer Disabled – At-Large; (6) Disabled Public/Non-Profit – At-Large; and, (7) Disabled Public/Non-Profit – At-Large

DSAAPD (Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities) Staff Present: Lisa Bond, Director; Dava Newnam, CFO; Susan Bailey, Executive Secretary

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review of Minutes April 4, 2016
- III. Review of Wait List – Dava Newnam
- IV. Vacancies/Marketing
- V. Advocacy Committee
- VI. Nominations for June Election
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Roundtable
- X. Next Meeting: June 7, 2016
- XI. Adjourn

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 am by Co-Chair Arlene Littleton.

**II. Review of Minutes**

The minutes from the April 4, 2016 meeting, were reviewed and unanimously approved.

**III. Review of Waitlist**

Dava Newnam gave an overview of the waitlist and defined column meanings. She answered all questions that committee members asked.

Staff has not received any responses from the JFC regarding the committee's letters regarding the \$2 million request to help decrease the waitlist. The letters were sent out with Arlene's contact information – if the JFC reaches out, it will be to her.

Committee asked that copies of the letters be emailed to them. Katie Macklin and Carolyn Fredericks want to take copies along to the Non-Profit Day on May 18.

Debra also wanted to discuss home modifications with Kevin Boyd (staff member) – she gave Dava her card so Kevin could contact her.

#### **IV. Vacancies/Marketing**

It was discussed that any changes or updates should be sent to Cindy Mercer for distribution.

#### **V. Advocacy Committee**

AARP is supporting loop technology with their “Get in the Hearing Loop” campaign cosponsored by the Hearing Loss Association of American and the American Academy of Audiology. Perhaps the council should provide support for this.

Bill Payne would still like to have support from committee for HBS1 (HB200) regarding ADA compliance for parking lots. Committee voted to write letters to all legislators and copy to disability council. The Disabilities Council has been meeting about this for the past year. The public also needs to be vocal individually to their legislators. Jim Young will work with his upstate paper contacts to get the message out.

#### **VI. Nominations for June Election**

All nominations should be emailed to Sue before the June meeting. Chair should be under the Aging heading/Co-Chair should be under the Disabled heading.

#### **VII. Old Business**

Discussions held on focus of committee for next fiscal year.

Please personally contact your legislators regarding HBS1.

#### **VIII. New Business**

Code changes should be emailed to Cindy Mercer for June meeting so she can have ready for September submission to the Department. Cindy will revise the title to ensure the word “Governor’s” placed back on.

#### **IX. Roundtable**

KMacklin-Was in DC in April for main advocacy forum. Did receive \$350 million in additional funding in December. Also asked for support care planning services and for help in managing symptoms. They are moving forward on state plan.

MAMiller-Was asked by the NAACP to take a 15-minute segment on their show to get the council’s information out. Will also speak to AARP to get some of the same issues out in the public’s eye.

BPayne-Reminding all about HBS1/HB200 vote.

CFredericks-Early memory loss program expansion – unfunded and there is a waiting list. Cost is now \$22/day. In June, planning an All-American Beach Party recognizing military persons recently deployed. Speed-dating is working well.

ALittleton-Since retiring, is volunteering at the adult day program at CHEER.

LPerkins-Elder abuse conference is scheduled for May 12-she is strongly interested in attending but will be out of town; if anyone is planning to attend, please forward information to her.

LBond-Friday was the final public hearing on the State Plan on Aging; will be meeting soon to discuss comments and incorporate into plan and will forward final plan to Administration for Community Living.

**X. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2016. It will be held at the Smyrna Rest Area Conference Room, Smyrna, DE.

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39am.